

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1 and 4-9 under 35 USC §103 as unpatentable over Ornsteen in view of Belanger.

Claim 1 has been amended further to recite an annular groove that receives a flange on the cartridge that is supported on the housing.

Claim 1 has been further amended to recite a flexible disc that is received in an annular groove in the handle to engage the plunger in a friction fit.

Neither Ornsteen nor Belanger shows or suggests these features of the invention.

Applicant respectfully suggests that the art of record does not render the invention obvious to the person of skill in the art. In particular, it appears that the office misunderstands the Ornsteen reference. For example, the office action states that Ornsteen shows “a fluid cartridge 14,” but element 14 in Ornsteen is a cartridge of thermoplastic adhesive that is inserted into the melting chamber 12 through opening 15. Thus, there is no correlation at all between the thermoplastic material 14 of Ornsteen and the “cartridge containing fluid materials” recited in the claims.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of the remainder of the claims for the above reasons.

It is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication thereof is respectfully requested. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any outstanding issues.

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